

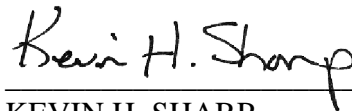
Where no objections are made to an R & R, “[t]he district judge may accept, reject, or modify the recommended disposition; receive further evidence; or return the matter to the magistrate judge with instructions.” FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b). Having conducted a *de novo* review in accordance with Rule 72, the Court will accept the disposition set forth in the R & R.

Accordingly, the Court rules as follows:

- (1) The R & R (Docket No. 16) is hereby ACCEPTED and APPROVED;
- (2) Plaintiff's Motion for Judgment on the Record (Docket No. 12) is hereby DENIED; and
- (3) The Social Security Administration's decision is hereby AFFIRMED.

The Clerk of the Court shall enter Final Judgment in a separate document in accordance with Rule 58 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

It is SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin H. Sharp". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

KEVIN H. SHARP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE